Amendments to the Claims:

1. – 22. **(Cancelled)**

23. **(Previously presented)** A method as claimed in claim 42 further comprising testing the fabric and determining that the fabric passes the standard method NFPA 701 – 1996 edition testing protocol.

24. **(Previously presented)** A method as claimed in claim 42 wherein saturating is accomplished by padding.

25. **(Withdrawn)** A method as claimed in claim 42 wherein saturating the fabric includes saturating with a composition in which the flame retardant is a phosphonate.

26. **(Withdrawn)** A method as claimed in claim 42 wherein saturating the fabric includes saturating with a composition in which the flame retardant is a cyclic phosphonate.

27. **(Withdrawn)** A method as claimed in claim 42 wherein saturating the fabric includes saturating with a composition in which the flame retardant is FLAME RETARDANT 50™ cyclic phosphonate flame retardant.

28. **(Withdrawn)** A method as claimed in claim 42 wherein saturating the fabric includes saturating with a composition in which the flame retardant comprises between about 2

% and 10 % by weight of the composition.

29. **(Withdrawn)** A method as claimed in claim 42 wherein saturating the fabric includes saturating with a composition in which the flame retardant comprises about 4.8 % by weight of the composition.

30. **(Previously presented)** A method as claimed in claim 42 wherein saturating the fabric includes saturating with a composition in which the antimicrobial agent is a molecularly bound antimicrobial agent.

31. **(Previously presented)** A method as claimed in claim 42 wherein saturating the fabric includes saturating with a composition in which the antimicrobial agent is an organosilane.

32. **(Currently Amended)** A method as claimed in claim 42 wherein saturating the fabric includes saturating with a composition in which the antimicrobial agent is ~~AEM 5700™~~ Octadecylaminodimethyltrihydroxysilylpropyl Ammonium Chloride.

33. **(Previously presented)** A method as claimed in claim 42 wherein saturating the fabric includes saturating with a composition in which the antimicrobial agent comprises between about 0.2 % and 2.0 % by weight of the composition.

34. **(Previously presented)** A method as claimed in claim 42 wherein saturating the fabric includes saturating with a composition in which the antimicrobial agent comprises about 0.48 % by weight of the composition.

35. **(Withdrawn)** A method as claimed in claim 42 wherein saturating the fabric includes saturating with a composition in which the fluid repellant is also a soil repellant.

36. **(Withdrawn)** A method as claimed in claim 42 wherein saturating the fabric includes saturating with a composition in which the fluid repellant is a fluorochemical.

37. **(Withdrawn)** A method as claimed in claim 42 wherein saturating the fabric includes saturating with a composition in which the fluid repellant is a water based dispersion of fluorinated acrylic co-polymer.

38. **(Withdrawn)** A method as claimed in claim 42 wherein saturating the fabric includes saturating with a composition in which the fluid repellant comprises between about 2 % and 10 % by weight of the composition.

39. **(Withdrawn)** A method as claimed in claim 42 wherein saturating the fabric includes saturating with a composition in which the fluid repellant comprises about 3.6 % by weight of the composition.

40. **(Currently Amended)** A method as claimed in claim 42 wherein forming includes fabric formation from ~~Trevira CS~~ TREVIRA CS™ fibers of polyester incorporating organic phosphorous compounds.

41. **(Withdrawn)** A method as claimed in claim 42 wherein forming includes fabric formation from AVORA ™ polyester fibers incorporating organic phosphorous compounds

42. **(Currently Amended)** A method of finishing an inherently flame resistant fabric comprising:

forming a fabric of inherently flame resistant polyester fibers,

saturating the fabric with a composition containing a ~~fluorochemical~~ flame retardant and one or more of an antimicrobial agent, ~~a flame retardant,~~ a fluid repellant agent and a soil repellant agent, and

drying the fabric.